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## 2004 EU Wine Harvest

Although the 2004 wine harvest falls below initial forecasts, for the first time since 2001 European production is increasing, according to a press release from COPA-COGECA (1). European wine producers have set estimates for wine and grape must production in the EU-15 at 177 million hectoliters (hl) for the 2004-2005 marketing year. The three previous marketing years were marked by low production figures: 163 million hl 2001-2002, 158 million hl in 2002-2003 and 156 million hl in 2003-2004.

Estimates by the three main wine producing countries France, Italy and Spain at the end of August, indicated that production could exceed 180 million hl. In France where production is not as significant as initially estimated, there is an increase of 10 million hl (+23%) compared to the previous marketing year. In Italy, production increases by 6% to 49 million hl. In Spain, production amounts to 44 million hl, down by 7% due to downy mildew.

Six of the ten new member states are wine producers, i.e. Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Cyprus and Malta. Wine harvest forecasts are not yet available for all these countries. Hungary, representing half of the total production, has set estimates at 4.8 million hl. Based on the forecast from Hungary and the production figures in the other new member states in the last five years, there should be an additional 7 million hl to the EU-15 production.

Production forecast for marketing year 2004/2005 (total production in 1,000 hl)					
	Quality wines in specific regions	Table wines	Other wines	Musts	Total
Germany	10 500				10 500
Austria	2 600				2 600
Spain					44 000
France	25 726	23 357	9 450		58 533
Greece	333	3 901			4 234
Italy	13 500	33 000		3 000	49 500
Luxembourg	140	20			160
Portugal					7 550
<b>Total EU-15</b>					<b>177 077</b>

Total EU production since 1998/1999 (1,000 hl)								
	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05 forecast	% change
Germany	10 727	12 244	9 950	8 980	10 800	8 289	10 500	27%
Austria	2 703	2 803	2 337	2 531	2 599	2 556	2 600	2%
Spain	34 741	37 809	45 572	33 850	38 186	47 300	44 000	-7%
France	54 271	62 935	59 741	55 338	51 850	47 519	58 533	23%
Greece	3 826	3 680	3 558	3 477	3 098	3 870	4 234	9%
Italy	57 913	58 955	54 088	51 912	46 000	46 650	49 500	6%
Luxemb.	159	184	132	135	154	123	160	30%
Portugal	3 750	7 859	6 694	7 691	6 210	7 283	7550	4%
<b>Total EU-15</b>	<b>168 090</b>	<b>186 568</b>	<b>182 072</b>	<b>163 914</b>	<b>158 897</b>	<b>163 590</b>	<b>177 077</b>	<b>8%</b>
Hungary		3 419	4 329	5 450	3 500	3800	4 800	26%
Malta		10		67	62	70		
Slovenia		763	1 097	1 090	900	671		
Slovakia		452	427		332	540		
Czech R.		540	520	545	495	510	550	8%
Cyprus		555	570	503	240	400		
<b>Total EU-25</b>		<b>192 307</b>			<b>164 426</b>	<b>169 581</b>		

(1) COPA: Committee of Agricultural Organizations in the EU, COGECA: General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the EU

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